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SUBJECT: ITU ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL - 1982 MOBILE WARC.

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1. DEPARTMENT IS DISTURBED TO HEAR OF INACCURATE CLAIMS REPORTED IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFTEL. DISCUSSION WITH U.S. MEMBERS INVOLVED IN LONDON AND ROME MEETINGS CONFIRMS THAT U.S. DID NOT GIVE INFORMAL AGREEMENT, EITHER DIRECT OR IMPLIED, TO THE UK PROPOSAL. AT YOUR DISCRETION USDEL MAY WISH TO PASS OUR CONCERN PRIVATELY TO BAPTISTE REGARDING HIS TWISTING OF FACTS AND/OR HIS STRONG-ARM TACTICS.

2. FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF UK PROPOSAL AND REASONS THEREFOR HAS FAILED TO CHANGE OUR THINKING ON THIS MATTER. THERE IS NO COMPELLING REASON TO MAKE A DECISION NOW ON A GENERAL MOBILE WARC. IN SUMMARY, THE
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U.S. POSITION PAPER IS STILL VALID, I.E., THE UK PROPOSAL IS INAPPROPRIATE IN VIEW OF THE 1979 WARC AGENDA ITEM AND IT IS PREMATURE TO DECIDE NOW ON A GENERAL MOBILE WARC RATHER THAN SEPARATE CONFERENCES SINCE THE OUTCOME OF THE 1979 CONFERENCE IS NOT AT ALL CLEAR. IN ADDITION, WE STILL DO NOT KNOW WHAT OTHER CONFERENCES MAY BE

INDICATED OR THEIR ORDER OF PRIORITY.

3. AT THE SAME TIME ALL PARTIES CONCERNED AGREE THERE IS A NEED FOR EITHER A GENERAL MOBILE WARC OR ONE OR MORE SPECIALIZED CONFERENCES FOLLOWING THE 1979 WARC, DEPENDING ON DECISIONS TAKEN IN 1979. PRIVATELY THE U.S. VIEW AT THIS TIME IS THAT A GENERAL MOBILE CONFERENCE MAY BE THE WAY TO GO BUT WE SHOULD NOT LOCK OURSELVES INTO THAT DECISION NOW. THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION IS TO WAIT AND DO OUR PLANNING FOR ALL CONFERENCES IN CONJUNCTION WITH 1979 WARC DECISIONS.

4. THE U.S. CONSIDERS IT VERY IMPORTANT TO COMPLETE THE WORK OF THE RADIO REGULATIONS RE-ARRANGEMENT AT THE 1979 CONFERENCE. DEFERRING PART OF THE RE-ARRANGEMENT WORK TO 1982 WILL ONLY DRAG OUT THE PROCESS, MAY JEOPARDIZE THE GOOD WORK DONE TO DATE, AND CREATE CONFUSION REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE RADIO REGULATIONS DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD.

5. TO SOME EXTENT THE UK PROPOSAL TIES IN WITH THE QUESTION OF BREAKING THE 1979 WARC INTO TWO SESSIONS. IF THERE IS IN FACT TOO MUCH WORK IN THE WARC AGENDA, ONE COMPROMISE WOULD BE FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL TO PROPOSE DELETING AGENDA ITEMS 6 (IDENTIFICATION OF MEDICAL TRANSPORT) AND 8 (ACCOUNTING). THIS STEP WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPEAR TO REMOVE ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS BEHIND THE UK PROPOSAL AS WELL AS TO EASE THE INCREASING CONCERN FOR THE WORKLOAD AT THE 79 WARC. THE COUNCIL, AFTER OBTAINING APPROVAL BY THE CONSULTATION PROCESS, WOULD THEN TRANSMIT THE UK PROPOSAL FOR THE 1982 MOBILE WARC AND A REQUEST THAT THE MOBILE WARC ACCOMMODATE THE TWO DELETED ITEMS, TO THE 1979 CONFERENCE FOR FULL CONSIDERATION UNDER THE APPROPRIATE AGENDA ITEM. AGENDA ITEMS 6 AND 8 BOTH INVOLVE MORE THAN ONE OF THE MOBILE SERVICES. PROPER TREATMENT OF THE MOBILE MATTERS WILL LIKELY REQUIRE A GENERAL MOBILE WARC, YET THE FINAL DECISION WOULD BE MADE IN THE 1979 CONFERENCE RATHER THAN NOW BY THE COUNCIL.

6. GUIDANCE TO USDEL: IF THERE APPEARS TO BE BROAD SUPPORT FOR THE UK PROPOSAL, PROPOSE THE COMPROMISE OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 5 ABOVE. THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT DELETION OF THE TWO ITEMS INDICATED, BUT NO OTHERS AT THIS TIME. VANCE

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